

HOUSE BILL 520

By Shaw

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to possession of
controlled substances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-418, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(g) The trier of fact may infer from a controlled substance found in the defendant's blood, lawfully obtained, that the defendant possessed the controlled substance in violation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any person committing the offense of simple possession of a controlled substance under § 39-17-418, on or after such date.